

ST. EDMUND THE MARTYR EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONGREGATION NEWS & NOTICES

February 2025

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SCHEDULE: **Sunday Eucharist 9:00 am** (followed by fellowship time)

Wednesday (February 5, 12, 19, 26) 5:00 pm with carry-in food



Our February meeting will be on the 16th after church. We are collecting candy and small toys for the Easter Baskets, a bin is in the back of the church. We are also, collecting underwear and jogging type pants for the Desoto County school children, there is a separate bin for these in the back of the church.

Carolyn Robins, ECW president

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 6:00 PM



DINNER AT REEF & BEEF RESTAURANT

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Senior Warden: Bob Baumann

Junior Warden

Treasurer: Pat Moore

Vestry: Michael Pooser, Don Reichert, Sandy Stanz
Vestry Clerk: Shelly Baumann

Altar Guild: Wendy Carter

Daughters of the King: Ruth Adams

Episcopal Church Women

Carolyn Robins

Music Coordinator: Pearl Kiellman



Our annual Parish meeting will be held on Sunday, February 9th, immediately after the service. This required meeting allows the congregation to participate and learn what has transpired in the Parish during the past year and what plans there may be for the current year. A budget is presented and Vestry positions filled along with reports from the various groups within the church. We hope you will plan on staying after the 9:00 am service and be a part of this important meeting.

Work is moving along at a very fast pace now on the old Parish Hall remodel, inspections have been passed, and new water and sewer connections as well as electrical and gas lines run. The new rear deck is complete and siding is going up on the exterior walls now as the new French doors and window have been installed. Next up is drywall and kitchen cabinet installation and then new flooring. We should be using the new kitchen by mid-March.

I want to thank Hal Lewis for agreeing to help oversee our building and grounds, he and his wife Jan helped me lay out the new mulch so the church would look nice for our annual meeting. Hal has big shoes to fill as Bill Stevenson did this for many years and did a great job with little recognition of all he did for keeping up the church until his unfortunate accident. I also want to thank Dolly Faul for agreeing to serve on our vestry, she will be voted in at our annual meeting. We will have a brief vestry meeting following the annual meeting to discuss a few items. One of which is to finally let Pat Moore retire from being our treasurer and administrator. She asked over a year ago for us to find a replacement and that has been difficult but I believe we have found a very good solution and know that she will be relieved to finally be able to take a break after more than ten years of dedicated service to our church. Thank you Pat, you have done a great job!

A two day conference is being held at the diocesan Day Spring Conference Center, entitled **Water and the Word**, to teach congregations how to better serve their communities and members. Anyone who may be interested in attending please contact Fr. Jim or myself. Deacon Robert Vaughn (along with Father Bryan O'Carroll, rector of Holy Innocents Church in Valrico) is presenting a session: **“Creating Focus-Driven Mission”**. There is a link to register at <https://episcopalflorida.wufoo.com/forms/2025-water-and-the-word>. There is a cost to attend and some financial aid is available. The Bishop's goal is to have two people from every congregation attend this year.

Don't forget the next meeting of the men's group is on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:00 pm at Reef and Beef, hope to see you there.

See you in church or on line!

Bob Baumann
Senior Warden



Conference Commuter Registrations are still available. Join us as we dive into Ephesians Chapter 4 and immerse ourselves in being Fully Alive in Christ with top leaders like **Bishop Doug Scharf, the Rev. Dr. Dwight Zscheile, and Dr. Lisa Kimball.** **New this year: an experiential prayer space** designed to deepen your journey. Register today to be part of this transformational event.



- Sunday, February 9th – Annual Meeting of the Congregation (after 9:00 Eucharist)
- Tuesday, February 11th – Men’s Group at Reef & Beef restaurant 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 4th – Annual Shove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Wednesday, March 5th – Ash Wednesday Liturgy



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

"Who is Jesus in the Gospels?"

Wednesdays 5:00 pm
March 12, 19, 26
April 2, 9, 16

Facilitator: Deacon Robert Vaughn
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